## **REMARKS**

The specification of the above-identified application is amended to identify the status of a division of parent application. Also, the claims have been amended to delete the elected claims 17-23 retained in the parent application.

Respectfully submitted

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